

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus comprising:

a light source for generating light,

an ear picking main body so formed as to guide the light generated by said light source to ~~be guided to~~ the leading terminal thereof,

an ear picking part furnished with a surface layer made of a fibrous material, said ear picking part being adapted to be disposed in said ear picking main body ~~by~~ while exposing said leading terminal,

an image incorporating means for taking in an image of the interior of the auditory canal radiated by the light guided to the leading terminal of said ear picking main body,

a display means for displaying the image incorporated by said image incorporating means, and

a holding means furnished with a hollow mouth to be penetrated by said image incorporating means and allowed to rotate freely around said image incorporating means as the central axis with said ear picking main body kept in a held state.

Claim 2 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 1, which further comprises a light guide for guiding the light generated by said light source to the leading terminal and radiating the interior of the auditory canal.

Claim 3 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the radiating part of said light guide and the image incorporating part of said image incorporating means protrude from said holding means in nearly same amounts.

Claim 4 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ear picking main body is removable from said holding means.

Claim 5 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ear picking part is removable from said ear picking main body.

Claim 6 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 5, wherein

said ear picking part comprises said surface layer and a base having formed therein a through hole for holding said surface layer and allowing insertion therein of said ear picking main body,

said base is formed of an elastic body, and

said ear picking main body comprises a first engaging part penetrating said through hole while keeping said base elastically deformed and a second engaging part colliding against the end face on the basal terminal side of said base and holds said ear picking part between said first engaging part and second engaging part.

Claim 7 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said ear picking main body is furnished with an energizing member exerting upon said base the force directed toward expanding said through hole.

Claim 8 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said ear picking main body is furnished between said first engaging part and said second engaging part with an engaging projection for engaging said ear picking part.

Claim 9 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 2, wherein a plurality of said light sources are provided.

Claim 10 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ear picking part is disposed within the field of view of said image incorporating means.

Claim 11 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said image incorporating means is a fiber scope furnished at the leading terminal

thereof with an image micro lens and

said display part causes an image picked up by said image micro lens to be displayed as magnified.

Claim 12 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

said image incorporating means is an image sensor and

said display part subjects the signal from said image sensor to image processing and displays the image consequently formed.

Claim 13 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ear picking main body can be substituted with a spoon-type ear picking main body furnished at the leading terminal thereof with a picking part of the shape of a spoon and formed so as to guide the light to the leading terminal.

Claim 14 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ear picking main body can be substituted with an annular ear picking main body furnished at the leading terminal thereof with a plurality of annular ear picking parts and formed so as to guide the light to the leading terminal.

Claim 15 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 1, which further comprises a mechanism of movement for causing said ear picking main body revolved around said image incorporating means in consequence of the rotation of said holding means to be rotated as interlocked or not interlocked with said revolution.

Claim 16 (currently amended): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus comprising:

a light source for generating light,

a light guide for guiding the light generated by said light source to the leading terminal thereof and radiating the interior of the auditory canal,

[[an]] a cylindrical ear picking main body ~~shaped like a bar~~,

an ear picking part disposed on the outer periphery of the leading terminal of said ear picking main body and furnished with a surface layer made of a fibrous material,

an image incorporating means for incorporating an image of the interior of the auditory canal radiated by said light guide,

a display means for displaying the image incorporated by said image incorporating means, and

a holding means furnished with a hollow mouth to be penetrated by said image incorporating means and allowed to rotate freely around said image incorporating means as the central axis with said ear picking main body kept in a held state.

Claim 17 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the radiating part of said light guide and the image incorporating part of said image incorporating means protrude from said holding means in nearly same amounts.

Claim 18 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said ear picking main body is removable from said holding means.

Claim 19 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 16, wherein a plurality of said light sources are provided.

Claim 20 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said ear picking part is disposed within the field of view of said image incorporating means.

Claim 21 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claims 16, wherein

said image incorporating means is a fiber scope furnished at the leading terminal thereof with an image micro lens and

said display part causes an image picked up by said image micro lens to be displayed as magnified.

Claim 22 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 16, wherein

said image incorporating means is an image sensor and

said display part subjects the signal from said image sensor to image processing and displays the image consequently formed.

Claim 23 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said ear picking main body can be substituted with a spoon-type ear picking main body furnished at the leading terminal thereof with a picking part of the shape of a spoon and formed so as to guide the light to the leading terminal.

Claim 24 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said ear picking main body can be substituted with an annular ear picking main body furnished at the leading terminal thereof with a plurality of annular ear picking parts and formed so as to guide the light to the leading terminal.

Claim 25 (original): An endoscopic auditory canal cleaning apparatus according to claims 16, which further comprises a mechanism of movement for causing said ear picking main body revolved around said image incorporating means in consequence of the rotation of said holding means to be rotated as interlocked or not interlocked with said revolution.

Claim 26 (new): An endoscopic apparatus for cleaning an auditory canal, said apparatus comprising:

- a light source for generating light,

- an ear picking main body so formed as to guide the light generated by said light source to the leading terminal thereof,

- an elastically-deformable, tubular, ear-picking part having a through-hole and an outer layer made of fibrous material, said deformable, tubular, ear-picking part being removably attached over said ear-picking main body so as to leave said leading terminal of said ear-picking main body exposed and capable of providing illumination;

- a fiber scope having a micro-lens and being adapted to take an image of the interior of the auditory canal using said illumination provided via said exposed leading terminal of said ear picking main body;

- a display means for displaying the image taken by said fiber scope, and

- a holding means furnished with a hollow mouth to be penetrated by said fiber scope,

and allowed to rotate freely around said fiber scope, with the central axis of the fiber scope being the axis of the rotation.

Claim 27 (new): An endoscopic apparatus for cleaning an auditory canal, said apparatus comprising:

- a light source for generating light,
- a light guide for guiding the light generated by said light source to the leading terminal thereof and radiating the interior of the auditory canal,
- an ear picking main body having one or more annular protrusions,
- an elastically-deformable, tubular, ear-picking part having a through-hole and an outer layer made of fibrous material, said deformable, tubular, ear-picking part being removably attached over said annular protrusions of said ear picking main body;
- a fiber scope having a micro-lens and being adapted to take an image of the interior of the auditory canal using said illumination provided via said exposed leading terminal of said ear picking main body;
- a display means for displaying the image taken by said fiber scope, and
- a holding means furnished with a hollow mouth to be penetrated by said fiber scope, and allowed to rotate freely around said fiber scope, with the central axis of the fiber scope being the axis of the rotation.